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**REQUEST
FOR
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This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 CFR §1.114
 - a. ☐ Previously submitted
 - i. ☐ Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 CFR §1.116 previously filed on **.
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
 - ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on *****.
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☒ Enclosed
 - i. ☒ Amendment/Reply After Final
 - ii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
 - iii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
 - iv. ☐ Other
2. MISCELLANEOUS
 - a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 CFR §1/103(c) for a period of ** months.
(Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 CFR §1.17(i) required).
 - b. ☐ Other
3. FEES
 - a. ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0465:
 - i. ☒ RCE fee required under 37 CFR §1.17(e)
 - ii. ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR §§1.136 and 1.17)
 - iii. ☐ Other
 - b. ☐ Check in the amount of \$ enclosed
 - c. ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

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